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H. CON. RES. 159

Expressing the support of Congress for a National Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself and Mr. KILDEE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the support of Congress for a National Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Awareness Month.

Whereas complex regional pain syndrome, also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy, is a very painful, underdiagnosed, and undertreated neurological syndrome that may result from simple trauma, infection, or surgery that can lead to disability;

Whereas the incidence of complex regional pain syndrome is yet to be determined, the number of cases of such syndrome can be more than 1.5 million;

Whereas the symptoms of complex regional pain syndrome include constant burning pain that is disproportionate to

any inciting event, inflammation, muscle spasms, abnormal skin temperature, and skin color changes;

Whereas a recent Internet survey conducted by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and funded by the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association revealed that complex regional pain syndrome is not only painful but adversely affects lives and livelihoods;

Whereas there is no known cure for complex regional pain syndrome, but early and appropriate interdisciplinary treatment can achieve a restoration of function; and

Whereas such treatment may prevent a case of early-onset complex regional pain syndrome from becoming intractable, debilitating, and incredibly expensive to treat: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a month to
4 educate the public and medical professionals about
5 the nature and impact of complex regional pain syn-
6 drome, also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy,
7 and the importance of the early detection and proper
8 treatment of such syndrome;

9 (2) honors the goals and ideals and applauds
10 the work of national and community organizations
11 that promote public awareness about complex re-
12 gional pain syndrome and that provide information
13 and support to people suffering with this syndrome;

1 (3) encourages health care providers to continue
2 to increase their efforts to diagnose complex regional
3 pain syndrome in its earliest possible stages to in-
4 crease the likelihood of remission;

5 (4) supports increased funding for research to
6 determine the causes of, and improved treatment
7 and cure for, complex regional pain syndrome; and

8 (5) continues to consider ways to improve ac-
9 cess to, and the quality of, health care services for
10 detecting and treating complex regional pain syn-
11 drome.

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